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- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter;
- (iv) a second nucleic acid construct having the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a regulatable promoter, and the DNA binding compound.
- 9. (Amended) A molecular switch, comprising: an adenovirus vector having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound.
- 10. (Amended) A molecular switch, comprising: an adeno-associated virus vector having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound.
- 12. (Amended) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a regulatable promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;

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- (iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter;
- (iv) the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound.

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- 19. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, comprising:
- (iii) further transforming said cell with a second nucleic acid construct having a nucleic acid sequence encoding a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a second promoter.
- 21. (Amended) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

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wherein said transcriptional regulatory protein has a DNA binding sequence selected from the group consisting of a UL9 sequence, an NF-B sequence, a GAL4 sequence, a ZFHD1 sequence, a LacR sequence, a TetR sequence, a LexA sequence, and the ecdysone receptor binding sequence.

- 22. (Amended) A cell comprising a molecular switch comprising a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;

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(iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound, wherein the DNA binding sequence of said transcriptional regulatory protein is selected from the group consisting of a UL9 sequence, an NF-<sub>κ</sub>B sequence, a GAL4 sequence, a ZFHD1 sequence, a LacR sequence, a TetR sequence, a LexA sequence, and the ecdysone receptor binding sequence.

- 23. (Twice Amended) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein said DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises an activator domain selected from the group consisting of VP16, NF-B, Gal4, TFE3, ITF1, Oct-1, Sp1, Oct-2, NFY-A, ITF2, c-myc, and CTF.



- 24. (Twice Amended) A cell comprising a molecular switch comprising a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises an activator selected from the group consisting of VP16, NF-B, Gal4, TFE3, ITF1, Oct-1, Sp1, Oct-2, NFY-A, ITF2, c-myc, and CTF.

- 25. (Twice Amended) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises a repressor selected from the group consisting of Kruppel (KRAB), kox-1, TetR, even-skipped, LacR, engrailed, hairy (HES), Groucho (TLE), RING1, SSB16, SSB24, Tup1, Nab1, AREB, E4BP4, HoxA7, EBNA3, Mad and v-erbA.

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- 26. (Twice Amended) A cell comprising a molecular switch comprising a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a first promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene under the control of said first promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises a repressor selected from the group consisting of Kruppel (KRAB), kox-1, TetR, even-skipped, LacR, engrailed, hairy (hes), Groucho(TLE), RING1, SSB16, SSB24, Tup1, Nab1, AREB, E4BP4, HoxA7, EBNA3, Mad and v-erbA.

- 34. (New) A cell comprising a molecular switch comprising a first nucleic acid construct having
  - (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked

to a regulatable promoter;

- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA binding sequence of said transcriptional regulatory protein is selected from the group consisting of a UL9 sequence, an NF-<sub>K</sub>B sequence, a GAL4 sequence, a ZFHD1 sequence, a LacR sequence, a TetR sequence, a LexA sequence, and the ecdysone receptor binding sequence.

- 35. (New) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a regulatable promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein said transcriptional regulatory protein has a DNA binding sequence selected from the group consisting of a UL9 sequence, an NF- $_{\rm K}$ B sequence, a GAL4 sequence, a ZFHD1 sequence, a LacR sequence, a TetR sequence, a LexA sequence, and the ecdysone receptor binding sequence.

- 36. (New) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
  - (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked

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- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein said DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises an activator domain selected from the group consisting of VP16, NF-KB, Gal4, TFE3, ITF1, Oct-1, Sp1, Oct-2, NFY-A, ITF2, c-myc, and CTF.

- 37. (New) A cell comprising a molecular switch comprising a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a regulatable promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises an activator selected from the group consisting of VP16, NF- $_{\rm K}$ B, Gal4, TFE3, ITF1, Oct-1, Sp1, Oct-2, NFY-A, ITF2, c-myc, and CTF.

- 38. (New) A molecular switch, comprising: a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a regulatable promoter;
  - (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping,

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or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;

(iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises a repressor selected from the group consisting of Kruppel (KRAB), kox-1, TetR, even-skipped, LacR, engrailed, hairy (HES), Groucho (TLE), RING1, SSB16, SSB24, Tup1, Nab1, AREB, E4BP4, HoxA7, EBNA3, Mad and v-erbA.

- 39. (New) A cell comprising a molecular switch comprising a first nucleic acid construct having
- (i) a DNA response element for a transcriptional regulatory protein operably linked to a regulatable promoter;
- (ii) a non-native compound binding sequence which is the same as, overlapping, or adjacent to said transcriptional regulatory protein DNA response element for binding to a DNA binding compound;
- (iii) a transgene and the coding sequence for a transcriptional regulatory protein under the control of and operably linked to said regulatable promoter; and the DNA binding compound,

wherein the DNA response element binds a transcriptional regulatory protein which comprises a repressor selected from the group consisting of Kruppel (KRAB), kox-1, TetR, even-skipped, LacR, engrailed, hairy (hes), Groucho(TLE), RING1, SSB16, SSB24, Tup1, Nab1, AREB, E4BP4, HoxA7, EBNA3, Mad and v-erbA.

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March 27, 2003 is respectfully requested.